committee. But when you are going to rush through a piece of legislation of a controversial nature Government must certainly oppose it.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—There is no question of rushing through the bill. This was already before the Hon'ble Members for a long time.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—It was only introduced today.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—It was months ago that leave to introduce was given to this bill. So it has been before the Hon'ble members for a long time. It is a very non-controversial measure. There is nothing revolutionary in this. It is only to systematise the wakfs and to enable the public to get an idea about the working and accounts of the wakfs. There is no necessity to send it to a select committee.

President.—No, my discretion is to be used on the advice given by the Hon'ble Law Member specially because it is a matter of legislation. Now according to him it is a most contentious matter though it is a copy of the Act prevailing in British India. Therefore I am sorry I cannot use my discretion in favour of the Hon'ble Member.

Resolutions.

No. 26. Huzur under-graduate Clerks—Promotion as Superintendents.—

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan. — Sir, the resolution standing in my name reads thus:—"*The Council recommends to the Government that under-graduate clerks of the Huzur Secretariat with the requisite test qualifications be promoted as Superintendents provided they are efficient*". In moving this resolution I may at the outset say that I do not find the possibility of getting any support for this resolution either from the non-official side or from the official side. The mentality of the official side has been sufficiently exhibited in the answer to a question that was answered today. It has been seen that for filling up the permanent post of the Principal of the Maharaja's College under a B. A., & L. T. Chemistry has been flourishing in the very best manner, the Government are not satisfied with an M. A. of 17½ years' standing as a professor and who had also acted for 2½ months as Principal on a former occasion. They have thought it necessary to advertise for that post without mentioning the requisite qualification for the post with the result that we are told that a third form passed candidate has applied for the Principalship

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stating that he will be able to manage the institution perhaps better than it is being done today. The reason for the advertisement was that they wanted to find out the most efficient, capable and qualified man for filling up the post. Such being the mentality of the Government my request made on behalf of the under-graduate clerks of the Huzur Secretariat with the requisite test qualifications to be promoted as Superintendents provided they are efficient, will not be accepted or approved by the Government. From the non-official side also I do not find the possibility of any support from the empty chairs which are innumerable. While rising to move the resolution there came a noise from one of the occupied non-official chairs 'why not we do it later'. These being the circumstances under which I move the resolution I do not think that there is any hope of this resolution being got through in this Council. All the same feeling it my duty to speak on behalf of the very efficient persons who are in the Secretariat with minimum qualifications, I will just place the cause of these unfortunate few before the House and commend this resolution to the House for a dispassionate consideration carefully analysing the words used in the resolution. I do not want any man to be promoted as a Superintendent. My only request is that the disqualification should not be on the ground that he is not a gradute and for that simple reason he should not be debarred from being promoted. I have expressly stated in the resolution that only under-graduates with *the requisite test qualifications and also provided they are efficient* may be promoted. A very wide latitude is given to the Government and my request is only such persons may be promoted and that their non-graduation should not be allowed to stand in their way. That is the request that I propose to place before the Government through this resolution and I request that the Government may be pleased to consider it at least.

Mr. T A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I second it.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—As the Hon'ble Member anticipated Government are forced to oppose it. Different sets of qualifications have been prescribed for different grades of officers and it is not possible to promote persons irrespective of the considerations of these qualifications. The Superintendent in the Huzur Office is an officer on Rs. 100 to 150 and he is to be promoted in due course as a Tahsildar, and he may again become a Head of the Department. Such a person cannot obviously be expected to exercise that supervision and be of that use to the Secretary, the Office and the Diwan which a graduate with

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greater culture and a better trained mind will be able to do. Therefore it is not possible in the interests of the efficiency of the Department to accept the proposition. I may inform the House that there was a time when more than three fourths of the clerks were under-graduates. There was a time like that. As administration progresses, and as it becomes more and more complex, it becomes more and more necessary to substitute the less qualified by better qualified officers. For the last four or five years it has been a scrupulously followed rule that only graduates will be recruited. Such has been the eagerness with which the efficiency of the office is guarded and we cannot risk that by promoting under-graduates from the lower grades to the grade of the Superintendent. It is all very easy to say that those who are efficient alone should be promoted. That is a very very vague test. There may not be any charge against an under-graduate and he may be doing his work as a clerk quite all right. Simply because there is nothing against him one cannot promote him to the higher grade. We cannot presume that he will do well in the higher grade. Therefore the charge will be again brought that Government have not acted up to their promise. If we accept the resolution it will be argued that because there is nothing against a man it is naturally to be presumed that he is efficient and should be promoted. That is a position which we cannot accept.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—At present how many under-graduates are there in the Huzur Office.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—At present there are only four. We cannot promote them as Superintendents. The work in the office should get on. Even now it has become increasingly difficult to cope with the work. We cannot do anything which will impair the efficiency of office. Even in the case of these 4 persons it will create a very bad precedent. You will find that the Managers in all the offices of the heads of departments are graduates. We have to get on with the work in the office. It is not a case of four or five people being or not being promoted. They should know how to write good English and express themselves.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I seek leave of the House to withdraw.

Resolution was, with leave, with drawn.

The following Resolutions were not moved and hence considered withdrawn.

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മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ.—

(No. 27) ഈ രാജ്യത്തെ അംഗീകൃത ദേവനമാംസത്തിൽ ഉത്സാഹം കുറഞ്ഞുവരുന്നതിനാൽ വേണ്ടി സംരക്ഷണവകുപ്പിൽനിന്നും സംഖ്യകൾ ചിലവു ചെയ്യുന്നതെന്ന് ഈ സഭ ഗവൺമെന്റിനോട് അപേക്ഷിക്കുന്നു.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—

No. (28) *This Council recommends to the Government to give effect without further delay to the Cochin Tenancy Regulation Amendment Bill passed by the Legislative Council in 1932.*

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—

No. (29) *This Council recommends to the Government to enforce laws, systematizing Charity Wakfs.*

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait.—

No. (30) *This Council recommends to the Government that building used purely for storing merchandise and not for residential purposes in Mattancherry should be exempted from water tax recently imposed.*

No. 31—Land Tax on new exclusions to be reduced to that of the adjacent settled lands.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon—The resolution standing in my name reads thus:—"*That this Council recommends to the Government that the land tax on new exclusions be reduced to the rates obtaining in the adjacent settled lands*".

The new exclusions are high level lands which are sold to the ryots at the rate of Rs. 50—75 per acre. It will require a like sum to bring it under cultivation. The lands now in the possession of the Government to be sold are lands which are not very fertile and which are full of stones and for which the Government now impose an assessment of Rs. 3. The adjacent lands which are low lying lands where cultivation is being carried on is assessed only at the rate of 4 annas to two rupees. This is an anomaly which I have been bringing to the notice of the Government more than three times. The Government must now have come to the conclusion at least seeing this year's weather conditions that it was impossible for any of the persons who have purchased these lands to cultivate it for want of water. Under the circumstances I request the Government to consider that the imposition of Rs. 3 is far too high and that it should be assessed at the rate at which adjacent lands are assessed.

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